



the Grace TEAM

to each a ministry

February 2019

Grace Episcopal Church

871 Merrimon Avenue

Asheville, NC 28804

828-254-1086

grace.church.asheville@gmail.com

Visit us online at

www.graceepiscopalchurch.us &

www.facebook.com/graceasheville

The Grace TEAM

is published monthly.

Deadline for articles is the 15th.

Sunday Worship

7:45 a.m. - Rite I

9:00 a.m. - Family Eucharist

11:15 a.m. - Choral Eucharist

Healing Prayer

Every Sunday at

9:00 a.m. and 11:15 a.m.

there is a prayer station available with Lay Healing Prayer Ministers.

A Healing Prayer Service and Eucharist with laying on of hands for God's healing is offered on Wednesdays, 12:15 p.m.

Taizé

Third Sunday of each month at 7:00 p.m. there is a Taizé service attended by an ecumenical congregation who enjoy the reflective form of worship using candles, incense, chants, meditative readings and prayers.

A Message from Fr. Gary

Greetings in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and a continued Happy Epiphany.

For Episcopalians, Epiphany is the time following Christmas, beginning on January 6, through Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. An interesting note is that, depending on the timing of Easter, the Season after the Epiphany can include as few as four or as many as nine Sundays. This year, the season includes eight Sundays, which doesn't happen very often, so this year you will hear some readings in our lectionary that are not heard frequently.

Epiphany, which comes from a Greek word meaning "to reveal" or "manifestation," addresses Jesus' manifestation of Himself as God. Our church season color for Epiphany is green to symbolize growth and life. Many of the readings for this season focus on Jesus' identity and therefore on our identity as his followers.

As with most aspects of the Christian liturgical calendar, Epiphany is a teaching tool in the church. The Wise Men or Magi who brought gifts to the child Jesus were the first Gentiles to acknowledge Jesus as "King" and so were the first to "show" or "reveal" Jesus to a wider world as the incarnate Christ. This act of worship by the Magi, which corresponded to Simeon's blessing that this child Jesus would be "a light for revelation to the Gentiles" (Luke 2:32), was one of the first indications that Jesus came for all people, of all nations, of all races and that the work of God in the world would not be limited to only a few.

The season is now observed as a time of focusing on the mission of the church in reaching others by "showing" or "revealing" Jesus as the Savior of all people. It is also a time of focusing on Christian fellowship, especially in healing the prejudice and bigotry all too often dividing God's children.

So in 2019, how will we respond to a question we should ask daily: "Jesus, how would you have me and my church grow and live in this next year?"

Have you ever really thought about what God wants from you or your church in the coming year? This should be a scary and uncomfortable exercise. When you truly ask God what you need to do, the answers and insights are often filled with obstacles, challenges, and sacrifice. However, when you truly respond to

God's call, the results are powerful and transformative.

(Since this letter is being written before our Holy Conversations, I sit here writing in hope that you will have already participated in the Conversations and that they have led you to new insights, dreams and hopes that God has been working in each of you.)

We have many involved people here, yet I often wonder why more of us are not involved with the hurting world around us. In this season of "revealing," so much still needs to be done in this community and the world. As the Episcopal Church here, we are truly blessed and have much to offer. Let us all be encouraged to make a difference, take some sort of action, and make this community a better place for all.

Peace,

Gary+

**Have you ever
really thought
about what
God wants from
you or your
church in the
coming year?
This should be
a scary and
uncomfortable
exercise.**

Events at a Glance

A Quick Review of the Month

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study

Mondays, 10:30 a.m., PH

Early Birds Men's Book Study

Tuesdays, 8:45 a.m., LI

Holy Eucharist with Prayers for Healing

Wednesdays, 12:15-1:15 p.m., CH

Centering Prayer

Wednesdays, 5:30-6:30 p.m., CR

Choir and Bell Rehearsals

Wednesdays: Bells, 6:00 p.m.; Choir, 7:15 p.m.

Youth Missioner Visit

Sunday, February 3, 9:00 & 11:15 a.m. services

TEAM Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 10:00 a.m., OF

Steadfast House Meal

Friday, February 8, 6:00 p.m.

Pastoral Care Ministry Meeting

Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m., LI

PubSing

Sunday, February 10, 4:00-6:00 p.m.

Men of the Church

Tuesday, February 12, 6:00 p.m.

Order of St. Luke

Thursday, February 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m., PH

Taizé Worship Service

Sunday, February 17, 7:00-8:00 p.m., CH

Vestry Meeting

Monday, February 18, 5:30 p.m., LI

Centering Prayer meets Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. in the downstairs conference room. All are welcome.

The **Early Birds Men's Group** is a small group of men that meets in the library on Tuesdays, 8:45-10:00 a.m., to discuss a chosen book. All men of the church are welcome and are encouraged to bring friends who are not congregants. More people make for lively and thought-provoking discussions. We hope you will join us in February. Questions? Call Bill Spencer at 299-3566.

Grace Church offers a **Holy Eucharist and Healing Service** on Wednesdays at 12:15 p.m. We encourage you to attend. Healing prayer stations are also available at the 9:00 and 11:15 a.m. Sunday services and at the Taizé service every third Sunday.

Men of the Church will meet Tuesday, February 12, at the home of host Larry Harris, 330 Stratford Road, Asheville. The social starts at 6:00 p.m., followed by supper and a short business meeting. The cost is \$15, and a sign-up sheet is posted in the foyer. All men of the church are welcome.

Monday Morning Gospel Bible Study is at 10:30 a.m. in the parish hall. Facilitated by Fr. Bob, it is a study of the Gospel for the following Sunday. All are welcome.

The Mountain Chapter of the **Order of St. Luke** will meet Thursday, February 14, 6:30-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. We will begin a new program series, "Growing in Jesus' Ministry of Healing." The February topic is "Words of Knowledge." These are supernatural revelations of facts the prayer minister would not normally know. The Holy Spirit gives this gift when needed to show the prayer minister how to pray more effectively for the person seeking healing. We will view a DVD presentation by Randy Clark, a leader in the Christian healing ministry. All are welcome. One does not have to be an OSL member to attend. We will not meet if the Asheville city schools are closed that day or will close early because of inclement weather.

Come join us for **PubSing**, an informal gathering on the second Sunday of each month to sing hymns, old-time Gospel and Americana inspirational music. This month, we meet on February 10 at Habitat Brewing Company, 174 Broadway Street, Asheville, 4:00-6:00 p.m. Please use the gravel parking lot in the back. For more information contact Monty Wooten, 828-254-1114 or montywooten@bellsouth.net.

Our **Youth Missioner**, Jenna Sharrits, visits the 9:00 and 11:15 services at Grace the first Sunday of every month with information about upcoming youth gatherings.



Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6.
Be watching for the Ash Wednesday service schedule.

Parish News, Updates & Reminders

ANNUAL MEETING WELL-ATTENDED. On Sunday, January 6, the parishioners of Grace Church gathered for a great brunch, fellowship and an annual meeting to review 2018 and look forward to 2019. The following is a recap of the meeting. Full minutes will be posted.

Vestry election: The three people departing the Vestry, Eric Howell, Elaine Potter and Oscar Starnes, were thanked and acknowledged. Elected to serve the upcoming term are Anne Jarema, Doug McClelland, Ben Scales and Sarah Wood. The staff, volunteers and Vestry members were thanked for their service and leadership. The new Verger Ministry and Vergers were also acknowledged and thanked. For more on our new vestry members, see page 10 of this issue.

Change in Endowment Fund By-Laws: Details available in the full minutes.

Fr. Gary Butterworth's Report as Interim Rector: Fr. Gary highlighted three areas from the 2018 Annual Report:

Pastoral Care: He recognized that Kathleen Griffin has stepped down as chair of this committee and acknowledged her for a job well done after many years of leading this ministry. *(Since this meeting, we are happy to announce that Cliff Albertson has agreed to take over leadership of Pastoral Care! Thank you, Cliff!)*

Shepherd Ministry: We need to start a new ministry to track and follow up on members of our parish family who have not been at church for a while, checking to see if they have needs that are not being met and to find out why we may have lost them to another parish.

Newcomers Committee: This ministry is to address and interact with our visitors and new members as we try to orient and incorporate them into our parish. We need volunteers.

If any of these seem important to you or touch one of your passions, Fr. Gary would like to know.

He also acknowledged his role as the Interim Rector, as being someone to journey alongside us, poking, prodding, asking questions, pushing us to more clearly define the path we wish to take into the future. As we say goodbye to 2018 and embark on this exciting journey let us all ask, "What do we want God's power to do in the life of Grace Parish?"

Greg Townsend, Senior Warden, gave his report. He acknowledged that over the year, Father Gary Coffey had retired, we called an interim Rector, Fr. Gary Butterworth, and we continue with the transition process to call a new Rector. He recognized the generosity of our members in our current pledge drive and encouraged those who had not yet pledged to do so.

Since all the ministries submitted reports to the Annual Report, participants were asked if anyone wanted to add anything.

Jackie Schauer reported that more people are needed for the Altar Guild, and asked people to pray about it and contact her if you would like to join.

Kim Hayes gave a report on Outreach. She acknowledged everyone for stepping up to the challenge of giving money to Episcopal Relief and Development for wildfire and hurricane disaster relief. Outreach said they would match up to \$1000 and were able to send \$2000 to ERD.

Sally Withers gave a Fellowship Report, stating that foyer groups are starting up again, and that we will not be having a Mardi Gras talent show, but instead will have a Ceilidh celebration with Irish musicians in March.

Other Ministries were given an opportunity to report.

There being no further business to discuss, Fr. Gary closed the meeting with a prayer.



An excellent turnout!



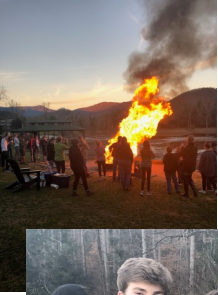
Plenty of business to discuss.



Our future looks bright!

Continued on p. 4 >>>

Parish News, Updates & Reminders *(continued from p. 3)*



OUR YOUTH MINISTRY. The youth started out 2019 in a big way with an Epiphany Bonfire at Camp Rockmont in Black Mountain organized by the Diocesan youth program. It was a huge success for the Diocese and our very own Asheville Youth Program. In total about 50 youth came for games, s'mores, hot chocolate, and burning of the Christmas trees. From all five of our churches we had a total of twenty-eight youth! We are hoping to keep the excitement and energy going into 2019. February has a lot of fun in store for our youth program!



- **February 3, 2:00-5:00 p.m.** at Smoky Mountain Sk8way in Waynesville, don't miss the Diocesan Youth 90's **Themed Skate Party!** We'll be taking the church van to Waynesville for the party, so let Jenna know to save a seat on the bus for you!
- **February 10, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** at St. James Black Mountain, it's a "**Mystery Youth Group.**" So what is a Mystery Youth Group? Come find out!
- **February 17, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** at St. Mary's, we look at **Black History Month.** We will be talking about the book and now movie "The Hate U Give."
- **February 24, 1:00-3:00 p.m.** at St. John's, you have an opportunity to do some volunteering. We'll be putting together **bags for the homeless.** The bags will include things like socks, soap, toothbrush, and granola bars. Jenna will be letting you know which items to bring.



STEADFAST HOUSE COOK TEAM VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! On the second Friday of each month, a cook team from Grace Church prepares a meal for residents of Steadfast House, a ministry of ABCCM, which provides transitional housing to women, mothers with children, and female veterans in need. Three teams have been taking turns cooking, but with the pending loss of one of our teams, new volunteers are desperately needed! The result could range from building a new cook team to just adding additional members to existing teams. Each team is responsible for providing a full, nutritious meal to the residents (not including beverages). The number of residents varies from 35-45. Most teams prepare the meal in advance, and serve it to the residents. In the summer, we have even done cookouts! Steadfast

House has a full restaurant type kitchen available, and they provide the plates and cutlery. They also have pots and pans available for use. Teams interact with residents, and provide some cleaning after the meal. This is a wonderful opportunity for families and individuals. The cook teams have been providing a monthly meal for about five years. It is great fun and the residents enjoy both the food and interaction. Meals are served at 6:00 p.m., and cleanup is usually finished by 7:30. For

PASTORAL CARE MEETING! Cliff Albertson, the new Pastoral Care Ministry coordinator, would like to meet with those currently participating in its ministries and also those wishing to get involved. The current ministries are:

- **Feed My Sheep** – arrange for food to be available in the freezer at Grace for those who are ill, recovering from surgery or otherwise unable to prepare food for themselves.
- **Friends in Christ** – visit homebound or hospitalized parish members and take Holy Eucharist to those who desire. Also making and taking Christmas cookies and Easter Baskets to the same members.
- **Cards and Calls** – sending cards to parishioners and making calls to parishioners on their birthdays. Also make contact with those who are ill or in need of support; works with clergy to stay in touch with those on the prayer list.
- **Purls of Grace** – the Prayer Shawl Ministry involves knitting or crocheting shawls that are blessed and given to those in need of comfort and solace as well as in celebration and joy.
- **Faithful Wheels** – Providing transportation from time to time for those who need rides.

Please email Cliff at Clifford.albertson@verizon.net or leave a note in the Pastoral Care mail slot in the office to let him know which ministry you are currently serving or which ministry you would like to begin. A meeting is scheduled for Saturday, February 9 at 10:00 a.m. in the library. Hope you all can make it.

WEEKLY HOMILIES ARE NOW ON OUR WEB SITE! If something you heard on a particular Sunday really caught your ear and you want to hear it again, you can! Or if you're under the weather and can't make it to church, the homily you miss will be posted for you to enjoy later. Audio from our weekly Sunday homilies is now available! Simply go to the Grace web site and click the worship tab, or go directly to:

<http://graceepiscopalchurch.us/spiritual-growth/homilies/>

PROJECT DRAWDOWN CONTINUES: *Each month the TEAM is featuring a Drawdown solution from Drawdown – The Most Comprehensive Plan Ever Proposed to Reverse Global Warming. Each solution reduces greenhouse gases by avoiding emissions and/or by sequestering carbon dioxide already in the atmosphere.*

(Reprinted with permission from drawdown.org © Project Drawdown. All Rights Reserved)

Food: Clean Cookstoves

February

Around the world, 3 billion people cook over open fires or on rudimentary stoves. The cooking fuels used by 40 percent of humanity are wood, charcoal, animal dung, crop residues, and coal. As these burn, often inside homes or in areas with limited ventilation, they release plumes of smoke and soot liable for 4.3 million premature deaths each year.

Traditional cooking practices also produce 2 to 5 percent of annual greenhouse gas emissions worldwide. They stem from two sources. First, unsustainable harvesting of fuel drives deforestation and forest degradation. Second, burning fuels during the cooking process emits carbon dioxide, methane, and pollutants from incomplete combustion that include carbon monoxide and black carbon.

A wide range of “improved” cookstove technologies exists, with a wide range of impacts on emissions. Advanced biomass stoves are the most promising. By forcing gases and smoke from incomplete combustion back into the stove’s flame, some cut emissions by an incredible 95 percent, but they are more expensive and can require more advanced pellet or briquette fuels.

The Global Alliance for Clean Cookstoves, launched by the United Nations Foundation in 2010, is one of many organizations working towards universal adoption of affordable, effective, and durable clean cooking technologies.



A woman prepares food on an improved cookstove in her home in the Indian state of Gujarat. The cookstove is made of lightweight metal with a metal alloy combustion chamber. This technology maximizes the lifetime of the stove, quality control, safety, and heat transfer, while minimizing emissions.

BY THE NUMBERS

- ⇒ #21 Rank and Results by 2050
- ⇒ 15.8 gigatons reduced CO₂
- ⇒ \$72.16 Billion net implementation cost
- ⇒ \$166.28 Billion net operational savings
- ⇒ Impact: As of 2014, clean cookstoves comprised just 1.3 percent of the addressable market. If adoption grows to 16 percent by 2050, reductions in emissions will amount to 15.8 gigatons of carbon dioxide. The additional benefits to the health of millions of households is not calculated here.

Grace Ministries in Action

"Grace Ministries in Action" spotlights reports from our ministry leaders, keeping us informed about their programs and ways in which each of us can get involved. If you have questions, ideas or comments about a ministry, please contact that ministry's leader directly. They would love to hear from you.

MINISTRY LEADERS

ADULT FORMATION: Greg Townsend,
gwtownsend@outlook.com

ALTAR GUILD: Jackie Schauer,
jacq.schauer@gmail.com

BUILDINGS AND GROUNDS: John
Woodson, jlwoodson@aol.com

CHILD FORMATION: Mark Silvers,
mhswjak@hotmail.com

CHOIRS: Rusty McCredie,
rebscape@att.net

COMMUNICATIONS: Eric Howell,
eric_howell@att.net

ENDOWMENT: Mike Nery,
mnery.nam@att.net

EPISCOPAL CHURCH WOMEN (ECW):
Cheryl Aull, cknull@charter.net

FELLOWSHIP: Sally Withers,
sallywithers@gmail.com

FINANCE: Oscar Starnes,
oscar.starnes@wellsfargoadvisors.com;

Joe Aull, jaull@charter.net

FLOWER GUILD: Mary Israel,
tobarranged@bellsouth.net

HEALING MINISTRY: Jeanne Robertson,
jrobertson38@me.com

MEN OF THE CHURCH: Jim Comp-
ton, j.t.compton@gmail.com

NEWCOMERS:

OFFICE MINISTRY: Chal Vaughn,
chalhugh@gmail.com

OUTREACH: Kim Hayes,
kimhys53@gmail.com

PASTORAL CARE: Cliff Albertson,
clifford.albertson@verizon.net

PUBSING: Monty Wooten,
montywooten@bellsouth.net

STEWARDSHIP: Greg Townsend,
gwtownsend@outlook.com

TAIZÉ: James Cannon,
imjcannon@frontier.com

YOUTH MINISTRY: Jenna Sharrits,
jenna@wncyouth.org

WEDDING MINISTRY: Elaine Potter,
elaine@graylineasheville.com; Cheri
Potter, Cheripotter82@gmail.com

WORSHIP: Clergy

ADULT FORMATION. Our Adult Lectionary Bible Studies Class (LBS) has resumed on Sundays, 10:15 to 11:00 a.m. in the parish hall, facilitated by Fr. Bob and Doug McClellan. You're welcome to join in.

ALTAR GUILD. Three things to note: (1) The Altar Guild quarterly meeting has been changed to Saturday, March 30, 10:30 a.m. Be sure and change your calendars. (2) Thank you, Kathleen Griffin, for volunteering to help the altar guild by maintaining the pew pockets. And (3) save the date! Church spring cleaning day will be April 6, Saturday, 9:00 a.m. to noon. We are inviting the entire Grace congregation to participate. We will complete the cleaning of the church which we began last month.

And speaking of our church cleaning project, we want to thank the twenty-four hard working volunteers who cleaned the kitchen and made the church shine for our Christmas season! Thank you to Jackie Schauer, Mary Ann Warren and Shannon Townsend for coordinating it all, and thank you to Cheryl Aull, Cheryl Deyton, Terri Frue, Mary Ann Warren, Sally Withers, Greg Townsend, Jeanne Sims and Zoe Davis for providing breakfast treats and a delicious lunch.

Another thank you goes to Mark Silvers, Courtney Booth, Andrew Beasley and Shannon Townsend for helping with and coordinating the Christmas Eve paper bag pageant. It was a delightful mess of sweet angels, fuzzy sheep, shepherds and kings gathered to adore the baby Jesus. We thank their loving and patient grown-up guides.



OUTREACH. Gifts To Grace Outreach During Lent.

We often give things up for Lent, but what would you think about adding something on? This Lenten season, beginning when you see them in pews on Sunday, March 3, we invite you to take a "Gifts To GO" box home. Then, make a daily Lenten contribution to it of the day's loose change. The boxes will be collected the Sunday before Easter and your "Gifts to GO" will be divided between a local snack fund for Jones Elementary School and a global relief project for Episcopal Relief and Development. Be watching for details in the weeks to come, and start making plans now to add a GO Box to your Lenten disciplines this year.

Our first ABCCM Food Drive of 2019 is happening right now! This is a critical time for agencies like ABCCM that provide groceries and meals for those in need. Please read more on the following page. →

We would also like to take this opportunity to thank Bill Crownover for coordinating this food drive project so successfully over the years. And as he steps down, we welcome Doug and Carole McClellan, who have graciously agreed to take it over. Thank you, Bill. And thank you, Doug and Carole.

Continued on p. 7 >>>

Grace Ministries in Action *(continued from p. 6)*

Buncombe County has children affected by food insecurity every day. There are currently about 500 homeless children served by ABCCM who are most likely receiving less than two meals a day. Those numbers have grown during the government shutdown.

—
Last year, ABCCM gave over 30,000 bags of food to feed families and individuals. That number grew dramatically during the shutdown of the federal government.

—
The strain on food resources placed on ABCCM and similar food pantries nationwide continues to be felt.

THE ABCCM FOOD DRIVE IS FAST-TRACKED in response to a critical need generated by the recent government shutdown. Instead of our usual once-a-quarter drive to put groceries in the ABCCM food pantry, we are moving our date for the first drive up and adding a second. Bags and a shopping list are now available at the church. Shoppers are asked to return those filled bags by Sunday, February 3. Then, a second collection of filled bags will be held Sunday, February 10.

The shutdown put a strain on food resources, and even now, as a crisis situation for some begins to normalize, there are so many others, especially children, for whom hunger is the norm. ABCCM continues to serve this vulnerable population.

Grace Church averages 35 bags per food drive. Can we double that? Or triple it? Remember — deadlines for returning your filled grocery bags are February 3 and 10, but Doug and Carole McClellan will continue to deliver the food as long as it keeps coming in. Bags will be available at the church. As always, thank you, people of Grace, for your great generosity. Below is a suggested shopping list:

ABCCM is currently low on:

- | Oil (vegetable or canola)
- | Jelly
- | Grits
- | Corn meal
- | Peanut butter
- | Canned soups (heartly, like beef stew)
- | in pop-top cans if possible
- | Canned tuna & chicken in pop-top
- | cans if possible
- | Butter or margarine
- | Canned fruit

ABCCM needs these items, too:

- | Instant potatoes
- | Canned vegetables (corn, green beans, carrots, peas, etc.)
- | Self-rising flour
- | Sugar
- | Saltine crackers
- | Pasta sauce
- | Juice (apple & grape)
- | Fresh seasonal fruits & vegetables

PASTORAL CARE. Be sure to mark your calendars for an organizational meeting of everyone involved in a Pastoral Care ministry and all who are interested in learning more. See you Saturday, February 9, 10:00 a.m. in the library (*see complete details on p. 4*).

WORSHIP. Our services during Christmas were beautiful. Thank you to all who helped make that happen. We thought you might enjoy a few memorable photos:



Our Prayer List

February

We publish the Parish Prayer List each month so you may include those listed in your daily prayers. To help you identify and/or contact the people for whom you are praying, we have included the last names of people with their permission.

For Parishioners: Chris Carson (son of Martha & Randy); Nancy Clark; Nathan Crownover (son of Bill & Barbara Crownover); Ed Denison; Eva Dupree; Eunice Ferguson; Mary Hayes; Rusty Herman; Mary Israel; Gavin Knapp; David Knisley; Shari Lane; Maria Mason; Joyce Noble; Pat Parker; Gael Paschall, Nancy Porter; Sonny Rawls; Cal and Nancy Remmers; Ray Robertson; Beth Stahl; Mickey and Tricia Trinite; Laura & Tsz-yan Snyder; Rita Spragg; Don Wills.

For Homebound Parishioners and Those in Healthcare Facilities: Henny Caldwell; Mary Hayes (mother of Rick Hayes); Straudia & Mel Luedtke; Rita Lyda; Marion Mayfield-Johnson; Tom Paine; Mary Ida Sprague; Laura Stephens.

For Others (names will stay on the list for six weeks; call the office to keep names on the list for a longer time): Jeff Boggs (nephew of Walt & Joyce Noble); Hortensia Garcia (friend of Gael Paschall); David & Suana Gentry; David Jr., Maria, Victoria & Jessica Gentry (son and family of David Gentry); Debbie Gentry & Danny Hall (sister & brother-in-law of David Gentry); Daniel (grandson of Jeanne & Ray Robertson);

For Those Who Have Died and Their Families: Kathy Groves (friend of Barbara Wilcox); Marcus Trinite (son of Mickey and Tricia Trinite).

For Those in Service to Our Country: Tommy & Danny Brown (grandsons of Ed & Marla Woeckener); David Ely (son of Dave Ely); Matthew George (son of Zoe Davis); Austin Harrison (nephew of Bill & Glenda Sanderson); Spencer & Erica High; Jason Marino (son of Lynda McCredie); Daniel Schultz (son of Judy Rhodes); Nancy Smith, Sarah Jane Wilkey (daughter of Diane and Tony Wilkey).

For Those in the Episcopal Church: Michael (our presiding Bishop); José, Porter and Robert (our Bishops); the clergy, vestry, staff, ministries and people of this parish; Church of the Advocate.

For our President Donald Trump, his Cabinet, Congress & our country; for victims of violence across the world; for local agencies & those who work for relief of the poor; for better stewardship of the environment; for resolution of crises throughout our world.

The Bulletin and TEAM prayer list is one of many prayer lists at Grace. Please get permission from anyone you would like to add to the list and contact the church office at 828-254-1086 or at



Our thoughts and prayers go out to the family, friends and loved ones of

Kathy Groves (friend of Barbara Wilcox),

and Marcus Trinite (son of Mickey and Tricia Trinite).

February 2019 Ministry Schedule

Service Time	Vergers	Acolyte C	Acolyte G	Acolyte E	Lector, Intercessor & Presenters	Chalcists	Ushers	Healing Team	Coffee Hour	Scripture	Lesson
February 3 2019											
7:45	James Cannon					James Cannon	Steve Jones				
9:00	Lorie Tola	Daphne Urquhart	Lauren Kuykendall	Maya Bell	L, I, P - Jeanne Robertson, Barbara Wilcox	1. Debbie Jones 2. Greg Townsend	Will Israel Tom Barr	Louise Wernicke Patricia Hargrove	Micki Newton	Jeremiah 1:4-10	1st Lesson
11:15	Chip Coon	Cheryl Aull		Grace Miller	L, I, P - Charles Carter, Kimberly Kneier	1. Cliff Albertson 2. Elaine Potter	Elaine Potter Rusty Herman	Pat Davis Karen Compton	Volunteer	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	2nd Lesson
February 10 2019											
7:45	James Cannon					Susan Robinson	Johnny Robinson				
9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Carsten Path	Tessa Path	Louise Wernicke	L, I, P - John Woodson, Beth Woodson	1. Zoe Davis 2. Lorie Tola	Paul & Vicki Vest	(Alternates)	Elaine Dephouse	Isaiah 6: 1-8	1st Lesson
11:15	Chip Coon	Rusty McCredie		Sally Withers	L, I, P - Don Wills, Bill Smith	1. Sally Withers 2. Bill Warren	Ed Woeckener Bob Turner	Marzy Israel Corinne Spencer	Volunteer	1 Corinthians 15:1-11	2nd Lesson
February 17 2019											
7:45	James Cannon					Margaret Dahm	Ed Duncan				
9:00	Daphne Urquhart	Laura Ellington	Nola Ellington	Liesl Ellington	L, I, P - Anne Simmons, Nancy Walters, Anne & family	1. Carol Booth 2. Ann Robinson	Mickey & Tricia Trinite	Pat Davis Jane Whitman	Cuyler Dupree	Jeremiah 17:5-10	1st Lesson
11:15	Chip Coon	Cheryl Aull		Eric Howell	L, I, P - Jenny Thomas, Nancy Remmers	1. Eric Howell 2. Bill Spencer	Larry & LuAnn Harris	Sonny Rawls Karen	Georgi Bruce	1 Corinthians 15:12-20	2nd Lesson
Taizé 8:00 PM	James Cannon				L-James Cannon I. Monty Woodson			Fr Bob Reese / Alternate			
February 24 2019											
7:45	James Cannon					Jack Frue	Steve Jones				
9:00	Lorie Tola	Zoe Davis	Aleena Bennett	Daphne Urquhart	L, I, P - Paul Urquhart, Daphne Urquhart	1. Lorie Tola 2. Greg Townsend	Derick & Wade Edwards	Jeanne Robertson Shari Lane	Paul Vest	Genesis 45:3-11, 15	1st Lesson
11:15	Chip Coon	Sally Withers		Grace Miller	L, I, P - Kristen Dusenberry, Rusty McCredie	1. Don Lewis 2. Sally Coburn	Bob Turner Ed Woeckener	Marzy Israel Sonny Rawls	Mary Ann Warren	1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50	2nd Lesson
Date	Counters	Depositors	Date	Flower Arrangers			Altar Guild				
3-Feb	Steve Birkhofer	James Cannon	3-Feb	Chance			Group 1: February 2 - February 8				
10-Feb	Martha Boyette	Judy Bohan	10-Feb	Chance			Group 2: February 9 - February 15				
17-Feb	Sally Withers	Chal & Hugh Vaughn	17-Feb	Jones - Wills			Group 3: February 16 - February 22				
24-Feb	Georgi Bruce	Anne Simmons	24-Feb	Jones			Group 4: February 23 - February 28				

February Anniversaries

Gary and Christina Butterworth	4
Cliff Albertson and Anne Jarema	7
Glenn and Brenda Haller	11
Greg and Emma Plank	12
Bob and Shirley Turner	15
Jim and Karen Compton	29

Special Gifts

The Aumbry Candle is given to the Glory of God by Charlotte and Travers Chiott in thanksgiving for Grace Church and their parish family.

The flowers are given to the Glory of God by:

✠ the Drake and Duncan families in memory of Marguerite Alexander;

✠ Jeannette Reese in memory of her mother Anna Ellis;

✠ Barbara and Bill Crownover in appreciation for our loving Grace family and for the many people who have enriched our faith journey;

✠ the Flower Guild in appreciation for the support of our donors.

February Birthdays

1	Bob Grimes
4	Marella Buncick
4	Mike Nery
8	Eunice Ferguson
9	Patricia Stafford
10	Andrew Beasley
10	Hannah Pennell
10	Cheri Potter
11	Margaret Crum
12	Mel Luedtke
12	Bill Spencer
13	Julian Nemethy
14	Al Dawson
14	Gary Roper
15	Vicki Sanderson
15	Evelyn Wrenn
16	Rusty McCredie
18	Cooper Green
19	Bob Bell
19	Maria Mason
20	Larry Harris
22	Sean Johnson
23	Sam Snead
24	Teesha Johnson
24	Pat Starnes
24	Tricia Trinite
25	Bill Dismukes
25	Liesl Ellington
25	Marion Mayfield-Johnson

CHRISTMAS GREENS & FLOWERS GIFTS

- ✠ Ann Robinson in memory of Kelli Davis;
- ✠ Mary Israel in memory of Sonny Enloe and in celebration of his life;
- ✠ Ron & Jeanne Sims in memory of Wells and in thanksgiving for Stephanie & Eva;
- ✠ Louise Wernicke in thanksgiving for family;
- ✠ Jennifer Thomas in thanksgiving for Janet W. Thomas;
- ✠ Barbara Wilcox in loving memory of her husband Charles E. Wilcox;
- ✠ Chal & Hugh Vaughn in memory of their parents and in thanksgiving for family;
- ✠ The Shaw family in memory of Martin & Mary Leigh Shaw;
- ✠ Bill Coward in memory of Sherry Coward and their parents;
- ✠ James Cannon in thanksgiving for his sister Annalee and her husband Michael;
- ✠ Katie Warren in thanksgiving for the Centering Prayer Group at Grace;
- ✠ Steven & Lisa Birkhoffer in memory of Grace Church Departed Members and in thanksgiving for Advent & Christmas;
- ✠ Paul & Vicki Vest in memory of Pat & Angie Vest and Linda Lovin; and in thanksgiving for Brian & Jessica, Jada & Stearnes and Kevin & Jesse;
- ✠ Jack & Mary Jane Westall in memory of Ann Huntington Westall;
- ✠ Rick & Kim Hayes in memory of Rick's father Bill Hayes and Kim's mother Lou Anslow and in thanksgiving for Rick's mother Mary Hayes;
- ✠ Rusty and Lynda McCredie in love and gratitude for their parents Caryl & Claude and Blanche & Elmo; for children Kirsten & husband Bill, Jason & wife Loretta, Charlotte, Rob & wife Michelle; for grandchildren Blake & wife Jena, Ashley & husband Jimmy, Brittany & husband Weston, Josh, Harrison and Andrew; and for great grandchildren Sydni, Kinzlee, Woodson, Phoebe, Ithaka, Blythe, Zerelda and Finley;
- ✠ Don Wills in memory of Samuel L. Byrn, Alfie, Bosley, Buttons & Bailey, and in honor of the clergy and staff of Grace, Rev. E. Hillman, Rev. Tammy Bales and Bradley;
- ✠ In thanksgiving for Nancy & Cal Remmers, Charles Deu and Bonnie Wigger;
- ✠ Shannon & Greg Townsend in thanksgiving for family and Grace Church;
- ✠ Nancy Lewis-Pegel, a Merry Christmas gift to share in the name of Deborah Pegel;
- ✠ Anonymous in memory of All Lost Ones & in thanksgiving for the Greatest Gift;
- ✠ Anonymous: "I love you, God, very much;"
- ✠ Anonymous in memory of Mia Wadopian.

Our New Vestry

Thank you to all who have rotated off the Vestry for your faithful service: **Eric Howell, Elaine Potter and Oscar Starnes**. We also welcome our new members:



Anne Jarema and her husband Cliff moved here three years ago, December 22, 2015. They left the unpacking to come to Christmas Eve Service at Grace and found a home. Anne has already served on the Vestry for one year. She also serves on the Endowment Committee and is secretary of the ECW. Anne says she has enjoyed her year on the Grace vestry and wishes to continue serving during our transition period.



Doug McClellan was born and raised in Albany, Georgia. He and his wife Carole moved to Atlanta where they raised two daughters, Lindsay and Kelsey. They were members of St. Bede's Episcopal Church where Doug served on the Vestry and other committees. Today, Doug and Carole live in Leicester and are very grateful that God led them to Grace! Doug says, "We love it here, and I would be truly humbled and honored to serve on the Vestry."



Susan Robinson was introduced to the Episcopal Church as a teenager. She was confirmed at Trinity in downtown Asheville and was married there in 1989. Her family moved to Grace in the early 90's and has remained here since. Susan says they felt embraced by their church family at Grace and continue to feel that way. These days she attends the 7:45 service and serves as an acolyte. Susan joined the vestry in early 2018.



Ben Scales and his wife Cate moved to Asheville in 2002 after living for ten years on the island of Saipan in the Western Pacific, and they've been members of Grace ever since. Cate's family has deep roots in the Episcopal Church. Doug became an Episcopalian when he married Cate in 1997. They have three children. Aeron (19) is a freshman at UNC-Chapel Hill. Emeline is a senior at Phillips Exeter Academy in NH, and Charlie is a 7th grader at Asheville Middle School.



Lorie Tola is a native North Carolinian born into a large Irish, Italian, Catholic family. Baptized in the Catholic Church, it was in Atlanta that she found the Episcopal church, where she felt she had returned to the traditions she remembered so well. Lorie and her wife Vicky moved to Asheville two years ago to fulfill a promise to return and settle in the mountains of western North Carolina. Lorie was drawn to Grace and became a member 18 months ago and looks forward to getting to know and serve her Grace family. Lorie joined the vestry in mid-2018.



Sarah Wood and her husband Eric may be best known at Grace as the parents of Joe, the curly-headed kid who loves to carry the cross and help with communion! Born Jewish, Sarah was teaching Sunday school at 16 and learning to meditate at 17, a spiritual path that brought her to St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church at age 50. Drawn to Grace by the prominent Star of David on the banner, she will work to promote outreach between Christians, Jews and Muslims. Sarah says she hopes to offer a fresh perspective and an open heart in her service on our Vestry. Sarah and her family live in Leicester.

Learn more about our new Vestry members in the Annual Report, available in the church office.

Transition Corner

Throughout this season of transition at Grace Church, it is important for you to know what is happening. The "Transition Corner" will help keep you updated about the latest activities over the coming months.

This time of transition has been filled with discovery, new insights and much deep holy work. I have just completed the second of three Holy Conversations with the parish (If you haven't been to one, please do so). It is obvious to me that there is a great longing and desire for Grace Parish to re-establish some long lost ministries as well as begin some new ones. There is a passion for fellowship, building relationships, embracing newcomers and doing good holy work outside our walls to those in need. The 96th Archbishop of Canterbury, William Temple, wrote that "The Church is the only institution on the planet that exists for those who are not its members." Temple's words have struck a nerve during the Holy Conversations and so his words will remain with us through our time together.

As we journey on through this important time I urge everyone to respond to God's still, small voice that exists in all of us. We are still in need of someone to Chair the Newcomer's and Shepherd's ministry. Please contact Fr. Gary if you feel called, might be called or just want to know more about these ministries.